

Intimacy to Eminence in the Life of Jesus Mark 3¹

Intimacy leads to Eminence. The intimacy of a father with family will cause him to work. Endurance bears a long labor he provided. The intimate heart the heart challenge by an athletic coach at half time can change the outcome of the game. The Knight in shining armor will wage war against an overwhelming enemy for the intimacy of a princess. Intimacy can be the driving force behind the accomplishing the greatest of tasks. The church has been given the greatest of tasks world evangelism, holiness, pleasing God, and yet we are so short and powerless in meeting these demands. Why? Could it be that there is no intimacy? Christ, God of very God, though it necessary to be intimate with his father to complete the tasks set before him.

Every Christian can embark on the Eminence tasks of the Christian life by the application of the intimate scenes set forth in these verses

I. The Mission of Jesus - It must have been one more of a night for Jesus. This past Sunday was a very active day, church, jail, morning pens... I just collapsed into the bed. Here, Jesus laboring well into a night

finally rests, but not for long.

A. The Sacrifice of the Morning - The phrase "agreed while before..." indicates that it was still in the night in the darkness of Peter's home, ... find Jesus pulling on sandals and slipping out the door. Stealing away the moment for fellowship w/ father. I remember the morning went to pick up Carey to propose that morning the anticipation the Love. Morning time is best for work, the most restful sleep yet it is sacrifice to intimacy & Devotion to father. P563 early will seek

B. The Solitude of the Moment - Solitary place, meaning a place alone, Jesus oft did this, he went to the mountain to pray, in the garden to pray, taught of closet to pray. The place of intimacy with God is a place of solitude. Not many willing to sacrifice, for distractions. When my wife share our hearts is not when kids are when we unload burdens, Jesus thrives in his intimacy w/ Father.

C. The Supplication to the Father - Here we find God (our ever) petitioning God. It's difficult to understand. Must remember that Christ was all in all. In 5:19 The Son can do nothing of Himself. Humbly pleading for deity to work through him. This is our example of intimacy that is a necessity. Barclay's Prayers will never do our work for us what it will do is to strengthen us for work which must be done.

II. The Disciples of Jesus - Peter awakens with the other disciples to find the guest gone! What a shock! Messiah in your care & now gone. Searching for him? Was he angry, was he taken? Questioning

Peter's Mind, But we see Peter doing what disciples do best follow

A. Leading others by seeking Christ.

To begin with I completely read over this verse but the more I read the more it spoke to my heart. Simon is mentioned first, in search of a leadership role. Simon is seeking the Lord but in seeking he is also leading. I believe that the "thru" with him were Andrew, James, John, What a pattern for our discipleship! Paul to Corin followers as I follow Christ "If some one followed you would they encounter Christ? We are all to seek the Lord but some follow to Christ others lead to Christ. ^{For} Seek ye ye shall find me ^{all} ^{as} ^{far} ^{as} ^{her}

B. Seeking Others by finding Christ - When

- I was at Temple here was a young couple there that the husband came out of my SS class the wife was from Pleasant Valley BC, where Jr. Bryson was pastor for so many years. I had met Bro. Jr but didn't know very well. I asked her about Him. She said, "Well tell you this if there was ever a time I needed to get a hold of God, I would call him to pray." VS 37 They found Christ. They got through, "See men said for trees." Peter and others served the multitudes (Gathered a wilderness)

by finding Christ! Mary Sacka "Somebody touch Him"

III. The Determinations of Jesus - Jesus

is always full of surprises. He so apt says the unexpected. There are some things that Jesus determines when encountering

This discloses a kind of a crossroads

A. He Determined the People - vs 38

There is this huge crowd of people there with what seem to be needs, interest, curiosity - an appropriate moment to present his message and yet let us move on. I believe he determined the hearts of people were that of interest in Sensationalism. See something grand. Jesus came not to be a local celebrity, sideshow. He came to proclaim the gospel. The good news. The light given here was enough. There are scores of other towns & villages that lay in darkness! You can't see into people's hearts. But it is easy to get comfortable and not push & exert for ^{figures}

B. He Determined the Progress - Let's

go on! "Let us." These sensation seekers wanted to see and be amazed but leave home to follow Christ? No. Thank God there were a hardy full of disciples that set out to follow Jesus. To follow the determined progress of Jesus. To go to some uncomfortable places and see some uncomfortable things. I have the couplet of 38 + 39. He said & did. This is why Jesus came to seek & save the lost to say & to do. Would to me realize why we are here. To bring glory to God in ^{humiliation of} flesh.

IV Closing - Does closeness with God

seem to be an impossible task, does personal holiness seem like an uncrossable ocean? Intimacy with Christ is the key to achieving the ^{highest} ^{of} ^{Christ} ^{to} ^{the} ^{end}